safeguards and also would not like tolet the education sector be used as a bargaining chip in obtaining any gains in other sectors.

The role of the education sector in developing human resources to promote and sustain rapid economic and social growth cannot be over emphasized. It has been the considered view of the Government that India should retain all the options in the education sector to be exercised at a time most suitable in national interest.

Autonomy to Institutes in OBC reservation

2431. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that the Central educational institutions, like I.I.Ts and I.I.Ms, should be allowed autonomy in implementing their time--table for roll-out OBC quota and a matching 54 per cent increase in general category seats; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and a resume of the views received from these Central Government educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Double shift Colleges affiliated to D.U.

2432. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi University proposes to start double shifts in colleges to meet with the additional seats in the colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to ensure that the quality of education is not affected as a result thereof?